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TO: AMBASSADOR BUNKER

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1. MATTERS HAVE NOW REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO GET ACROSS TO KEY SOUTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IF THIEU REFUSES TO GO ALONG WITH US WHEN HE SEES HAIG. THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS THAT ANY FURTHER DELAY IS POSSIBLE OR THAT ANY BARGAINING CAN BE ENTERTAINED. WE ARE AT THE END OF WHAT THE AMERICAN DOMESTIC SITUATION CAN STAND.

2. PLEASE FLASH US THIEU'S REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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